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SUBJECT: MITRIONE/FLY KIDNAPPING: SITREP 9:00A.M. AUG 9

1. NO REPEAT NO MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH OCCURRED LAST NIGHT ALTHOUGH POLICE AND MILITARY CONTINUED INTENSIVE SEARCH OF MONTEVIDEO FOR KIDNAP VICTIMS THROUGHOUT NIGHT. CAPTURED TUPAMARO LEADERS SENDIC AND BIDIGAIN CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN SILENCE AND DENY KNOWLEDGE OF WHEREABOUTS OF VICTIMS DESPITE CONTINUING POLICE INTERROGATION.

2. ACCORDING TO RADIO REPORT THIS A.M. GOU HAS SOUGHT AND RECEIVED PERMISSION FROM JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES TO USE PENTATHOL ON MLN MEMBERS CAPTURED AUGUST 7. POLICE NOW AWAITING ARRIVAL OF ARGENTINE EXPERT BEFORE APPLICATION OF DRUG.

3. FAMILIES OF ALL THREE KIDNAP VICTIMS RECEIVED LETTERS FROM

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HOSTAGES. TEXTS OF MITRIONE AND FLY LETTERS REPORTED SEPTELS. BRAZILIAN CONSUL IN LETTER TO HIS WIFE TOLD HER TO URGE GOB AND BRAZILIAN AMB. TO CONVINCE GOU TO ACCEPT MLN PROPOSAL FOR EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS.

4. PRESS AND RADIO TODAY REPORT VICE PRESIDENT ABDALA SEEKING TO MEDIATE CONFLICT.

5. IN ANSWER TO ALL PRESS ENQUIRIES RE USG ATTITUDES, USG "PRESSURES" AND RUMORS PARA 4 ABOVE, WE REPLYING THAT WITH ONLY TWO AND ONE-HALF HOURS BEFORE DEADLINE AND WITH MITRIONE'S LIFE IN SERIOUS DANGER WE NOT RPT NOT PREPARED TO MAKE ANY COMMENT.
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